

ARMY CONTINGENCY OPERATIONSCuba: Show of Force

Oct - Nov 1962

Contingency: The Cuban Crisis developed over the U.S.S.R. missile buildup on the Island. On 22 October President Kennedy announced a quarantine on all ships carrying military equipment to Cuba to be effective at 10:00 AM, 24 October 1962. The US Army moved quickly to prepare for an outbreak of hostilities. The US Third Army executed plans for the defense of the southeastern United States. On 1 December 1962, with the removal or promise of the removal of the missiles by the U.S.S.R., the units that were moved to the southeastern United States to support the operation were notified to return to their home stations. The movements were completed by 20 December 1962.

Among the larger units moved to southeastern United States were:

1 Armored Division (10 Bns)

4 Field Artillery Bns

4 Missile Bns

2 Tank Bns

1 Signal Bn

2 Artillery Groups (Number of Bns not known)

The 2d Logistical Command (designated the Peninsular Base Command (PBC) on (29 Oct 62) was reinforced by medical, hospital, ambulance and quartermaster units transferred to PBC from various locations within CONUS. The first Army unit arrived at Homestead Air Force Base on 25 Oct 62.

No combat action.